CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We can certainly do another legal review of VRA compliance, you know. That -- that's appropriate.

But, colleagues, any other substantive changes or suggestions before Thursday?

COMMISSIONER LERNER: This is Commissioner Lerner.

Just as a -- oh. I'm sorry, Doug -- Doug Johnson,

did you have something?

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MR. D. JOHNSON: Just on the voting age front, I was just going to ask if the Commission is comfortable as Legal reviews the numbers and if we do come up with a theory of something that might make the map more defensible, would the Commission be comfortable if we draw that today or tomorrow and bring it to you on Thursday instead of waiting to get direction on Thursday?

MR. HERRERA: Commission -- Chairwoman?
CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

MR. B. JOHNSON: Can I just make a comment real quick? I just want to clear the record and make sure there's no misunderstanding. That VRA data for which the Commission is going to be analyzing for CD-3, CD-7, whatever legislative district, will be coming from Timmons as well as Lisa Handley who is part of NDC.

Of course the Commission, at any time, can ask for clarification or legal guidance on that, but I didn't want

any -- anybody in the public to misunderstand there was a legal analysis that was outside of the scope.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Correct. We are seeking -- ongoing we have been seeking legal advice based on the data provided to us from Timmons/NDC.

I'm in -- I'm in favor of that, Doug. And, in fact, I mean, I wouldn't mind, you know, if we took a look a look at the letter from -- from the mayor of Tucson, I could take a look at some of the ideas, and if there are some ideas from the mayor of Tucson that are somewhat compatible or fit in with some of Commissioner Lerner's ideas -- you know, I don't feel the need to blow this map up and we do have a lot of changes, but if there's a way to fine tune it before the close of day Thursday, I find that to be attractive.

COMMISSIONER MEHL: Chairwoman Neuberg, if we were going to make any changes in Southern Arizona I would want to give some opinions, and so I would either like to sort of not do that or know that we're doing it and then I would speak up.

COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is it --

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: What about what Doug asks, though, as it relates to the majority-minority?

COMMISSIONER MEHL: In District 3 I will leave -- leave that one to Commissioner York.

COMMISSIONER YORK: I'm in favor of looking at that if there's some way to make that more compliant.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

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COMMISSIONER LERNER: This is Commissioner Lerner.

I actually think that, because the Mayor's letter came in while we're still having these discussions, we should take a look at it while we're still deliberating at this point. It may be that we can't include everything, there may be some things that are little bit different than what we were thinking; but I think there's some things maybe there may be overlap between what Commissioner Mehl and I had proposed as well already, so it might be that we're already somewhat aligned with a lot of those things.

So I think on Thursday we should take a look at it.

I -- I looked at it very briefly this morning, the letter,
but I did not have time to study it to see how it compares
to both what I was suggesting as well as what Commissioner
Mehl has suggested.

But I -- I think it came in in time for us. I think it's worth us taking a look at.

COMMISSIONER MEHL: Just as a clarification,

Commissioner Lerner. Her only letter only dealt with -- at

least on my quick reading, it only dealt with the

congressional districts.

COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MEHL: It did not deal with the LDs.

COMMISSIONER LERNER: Ah.

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COMMISSIONER MEHL: So that's why I was saying what I was saying.

COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, and my concern is it was only -- I think we received it ten minutes before we started the call this morning, so we need some time to review it. I have no problem looking at it on Thursday or considering her suggestions on Thursday.

COMMISSIONER LERNER: That would be great. That's all -- and I -- I would agree, then. I had not taken a close enough look at it so I appreciate that clarification on that, but I think it's worth taking a look on Thursday because it might just be tweaking some boundaries here and there that -- and it relates to some of the -- the maps that have been submitted as well.

So if we can do that, that will be great.

COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

COMMISSIONER LERNER: As far as the congressional -- and I -- and I know, Commissioner York, you need to head out, so I don't want -- my suggestion is that I do have a couple of thoughts, but to keep us moving today, if -- if it would be okay, my suggestions on -- and I tell you up front so, Commissioner York, you can always take a look in advance of that area.

But I was kind of looking at ideas of adding

Sunnyslope in the North Mountain Preserve into District 1,

and then we -- and we can talk about this more in detail on

Thursday; Cave Creek, Carefree, New River, Anthem, that

area, into District 8.

And because I think Sunnyslope and North Mountain areas are more aligned for District 1.

But, Commissioner York, for the sake of time, would it be okay for us to have that discussion then on Thursday where we take a little bit closer look at that, look at the -- some of the school districts, population changes, and all of that?

COMMISSIONER YORK: Sure.

COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just to give you an overview, that's kind of what I was looking at for just that one area as part of that.

But respecting your time, I don't want to...

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And that sounds like that -those are small enough adjustments that we could -- well,
you know, I'm speaking for Mapping. I'm presuming that's
small enough adjustments we can do that in somewhat of a
timely way.

COMMISSIONER YORK: It's a big chunk of population

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1 is the problem. 2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. 3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Chairwoman, I would then suggest that on Thursday, we quickly dive into the 4 5 congressional map first. 6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. 7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So that Mapping might would 8 have a chance to make some adjustments during the day; and 9 then with the LD maps hopefully we're picking between one of the three to move forward with and not making further 10 I think that would then work out well, and we 11 adjustments. 12 can still be timely on Thursday. 1.3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I would just like to have 14 people have appropriate expectations. I expect that when we adopt a map and we vote on an 15 16 LD map, I expect that there's going to be ongoing 17 deliberation. 18 I have a --19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That's --20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Look, if we -- if we have a 21 5-0 vote on one of those three options to start with, we're 22 done. 23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah. 24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: If we don't, we're going to 25 be deliberating a while.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah. COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just one other quick spot 2 3 just to try to expedite. And, again, I'm trying to respect Commissioner York, but I could -- I could give the changes, 4 5 the proposed changes, so that they have it in advance on 6 Thursday for us to look at? 7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: No. All -- all 8 recommendations to Mapping must be done in public. 9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okav. CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: No -- no private 10 11 instructions. 12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I understand that. I 1.3 could do that now that I've given Commissioner York sort of 14 the overview, I just wanted to -- I could give specific ones 15 today so that he knows what I was -- I just wanted him to be 16 aware of sort of what I -- the direction. 17 But, otherwise, I can do it more specifically on 18 Thursday. Whatever is best. 19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. 20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Thursday. 21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think we have a great plan, 22 I think we're setting ourselves up for success on Thursday, 23 and we're really close. 24 And I -- I just really want to thank my colleagues.

I mean, your -- your knowledge, your command of everything

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that we're learning, it's -- you're doing an amazing job and
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         you're doing it in a collegial way and remarkably with
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                  So I'm really excited for Thursday and -- and even
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         more excited for what comes after that with, you know, a
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         whole new learning session, so.
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                  COMMISSIONER YORK: Thank you,
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         Commissioner Neuberg. I am going to bow out.
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                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:
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                  VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN:
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                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- minutes that
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         Commissioner York is leaving at 9:06.
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                  Thanks for the accommodation, Commissioner York.
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                  (Whereupon Commissioner York exits the meeting at
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         9:06 a.m.)
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                  VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN:
                                         See you, Doug.
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                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: Bye.
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                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Safe travels.
                  Okay. Anything else, colleagues on Agenda
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         Item No. VI?
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                  MR. FLAHAN: So just to confirm on congressional,
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         there's no changes unless we need to make changes to
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         District 3 for VRA compliance; is that correct, for
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CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right. Doug mentioned that -- that, you know, based on the data, there may be some ideas that he'd like to show us as it relates to honoring the VRA or just communities of interest, you know, our minorities communities of interest, and I'm very open minded to looking at that.

MR. FLAHAN: Gotcha.

Also, Brian has the redistricting system up. You will see two new columns that are in the table, G_AINH18, and G_AINH18_P, and that was the non-Hispanic/Native American single race VAP that was shown in the demographics, that new piece that was requested by Vice Chair Watchman.

So that is now found in the AZ standard demographics as the last column. You can turn on or turn off in any of the submitted maps. So that's where you can find that data in the redistricting system.

And I believe you're up to over 140 submitted maps.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: How -- how are -- how is our public response compared to other states around the nation?

How is our state engaging?

MR. FLAHAN: I have not checked the numbers lately, but I would say you possibly surpass other states.

But I can check the numbers, and I can let you know on Thursday.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We're keeping you busy, I think.

MR. FLAHAN: Yes, with all the changes and all the draft maps, yes. We've been gearing all of our focus to that and making sure that that's working.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And we have a very active, engaged state and we're a very proud of everybody.

All right.

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COMMISSIONER LERNER: Chair Neuberg?

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LERNER: I have a comment. I don't know whether it's better to take it today, it's not requesting a specific change at this point for the congressional. I could make -- it's just sort of making a comment about -- sort of maybe setting the stage for the public to kind of be thinking about some things.

Do you think it would be better to do things on

Thursday as we completely finish our deliberations for each

of the maps? It might be a good context.

But it's a concern I have about one of the districts, but I'm not going to be requesting any changes to it at this time because I think we need to hear from the public on it.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You know, maybe -- if there's something you want to share, please share now. Otherwise, I

do think it may be appropriate when -- when we vote.

We're all going to vote and none of us are going to perfectly like the map. I mean, there's going to be parts of the map that we don't agree with. And I think that we can have an affirmative vote as a sign of, you know, good faith of putting a draft that's consensus.

And, look, I mean, everybody will make their own choices on that vote, but people can clarify, you know, what they like and what they don't like and what they want to work on, because we'll have, you know, six more weeks of -- of delib- -- of essentially deliberations.

COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. I'll hold off until Thursday, then. I think -- I think that's a good idea.

Thank you.

MR. FLAHAN: Brian, could you -- could you walk through how to provide feedback on the maps, that way the public can -- can have a good tutorial on that?

MR. KINGERY: Sure.

There's a couple of different places that you can do that. Right here on the "publish plans" page on this dashboard there is a link to provide feedback on any plan that has been published, whether it's congressional, legislative or a single-district submission.

If you click this "provide feedback" tab, what will happen is you will taking -- taken to a form and when you

click a specific "provide feedback for a plan," that data will be ported over so that you can -- so you don't have to type out the exact number of the plan that you would like to provide feedback on.

Once you're in the form, you can change, so you can change your -- change what you want to provide feedback on. So if it's a specific draft map, you can put in which version of congressional or legislative; or if you want to go all the way back to the approved grid maps, you can provide comment on either or both.

And then it's the same general questions that we asked on the initial listening tour about name, e-mail address, are you submitting on behalf of an organization, are you being paid to submit comments.

And this survey is accessible both in English and Spanish.

MR. FLAHAN: Thanks.

And you can also do that from the draft -- from the draft map page, correct?

MR. KINGERY: Correct.

So here we have the different series broken out.

Below each title is "provide feedback," so it will take that same information of that specific plan and put that into the survey to go ahead and give you a head start.

Also on the bottom of the published plans page is

1 the form, is the blank form also available -- it's the same form, just blank; and then also in the published plan viewer 2 3 you can click the bubble icon next to it, and that's just 4 simply another way to access it. 5 So we put it in a couple of different places for ease of access. 6 7 Thanks, Brian. MR. FLAHAN: 8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, I would like to really 9 thank you. Every week you continue to make all of our --10 our links more user-friendly, all of the different mapping 11 tools, and they're just constant improvement and ease of 12 use. So, thank you. 1.3 Okay. 14 MR. FLAHAN: With that, that's all we've got from 15 the mapping side. 16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Thank you so much. 17 And with that, we'll move to Agenda Item No. VII, 18 Executive Director's report and discussion thereof. 19 We have two items: Listening tour and budget 20 I turn it over to Brian and Lori. 21 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: Thank you, Madam Chair. I am 22 going to let Lori discuss the tour just briefly. 23 She'll be there in just a moment. MS. NEUMANN: 24 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: Thank you.

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MS. VAN HAREN: I'm so sorry, Madam Chair. I don't

know if you can hear me, my device disconnected for a second.

So I wanted to let everybody know we are going to announce the final list of all of the locations, dates, times and everything at the meeting first thing on Thursday morning at 9:30. And so if anybody has any questions, please let me know.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: The only thing that I want to add is I know the public and the Commissioners are waiting anxious -- anxiously for us to lock in this days.

What we're finding -- or what I'm learning, I'm sure event planners already know this, is doing a tour like this is kind of like doing a map, it's all a ripple effect. And so one little change then ripples through all of the other calendars; and we are trying to take in as much of the community feedback about the locations and so I appreciate everybody's patience, it's just a lot of moving pieces to try to, you know, get it as right as we can.

So thank you staff for -- for continuing to stay on it to make it work as best as possible.

Anything on the budget?

DIRECTOR SCHMITT: Not today. We will have an updated budget for you on Thursday.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. You got it.

If there are no other questions, we can hold off

the conversations on these issues until Thursday maybe when our mapping team is busy working.

If nothing else, we'll move to Agenda Item
No. VIII, discussion of future agenda item requests.

One thing that I know that I've wanted to make sure it's on a future agenda item is I would like for us to be able to talk through plans for deliberation in December both, you know, method and specific dates. I have some ideas in mind about, you know, what works, what doesn't work, what would better work for me; we also, though, just have the realities of time constraints.

And so before we conclude today, I'm actually going to ask Commissioners to go through our calendar. But that's a topic that I'd like on a future agenda item.

Anything else from our colleagues?

COMMISSIONER MEHL: Chairwoman, to amplify what you just said on that, I think that's an important topic; and for me, personally, it was difficult doing basically five days in a row, Friday and then four days, without having time to really take a step back and getting -- and being able to stare at revised maps.

I would like everyone to at least think about two days, a break, two days, a break, two days. May be six total days with a couple of breaks in there if we can make that work calendarwise, but I think we will be more

productive and -- and have less chance of a heart attack if we did it that way.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl, I'm cracking up because that's it literal -- I literally said to, you know, some of the broader team: Two days on, one day off, two days on.

I think we all understand that we get fried, the information is flying by us very fast; Particularly for me needing a little bit of time to be understanding where my colleagues are going with their visions. There's a practical issue with Mapping and, you know, they have to set up and they can't just disassemble and set up and disassemble and the length of time here; but we'll work it out.

Let's set up a time to, you know, robustly talk about it, but I think we are all on the same page, and I'd actually suggest that we try to find eight days of deliberation ending the 22nd, so that we know that we have the full amount of time and don't feel pressure. And if we don't use them, we don't use them.

COMMISSIONER LERNER: And this is Sher- -- this is Commissioner Lerner. I just want to say I'm completely on the same page as well, that was the same thought of giving us a little bit of time in between here and there to take a breath, take a look, and think about where things are.

Sometimes the urgency of the moment isn't always as accurate as what it could be if you could say: Oh, wait, you know what, that could be okay.

So, thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

Any other item -- agenda items you would --

VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Well, I agree. This is Vice Chair Watchman. And if we have to do it on a weekend, two days on, one day off, that's fine, too. But December obviously is going to be short because of the holidays and so, you know, if we can run through it, I'm okay with that.

I did share with staff a couple days that I'm not available, but generally I think I'm available for most of December, so. We can run it even on weekends, I'm okay with that.

CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: If you have your calendars open right now, we can run through it.

It's Agenda Item X, next meeting date. You know, we can look through the our calendars. You guys want to look at the schedules moving back from December 22nd?

Or would you rather, you know, submit your dates to staff?

COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, Commissioner York isn't here so that would be the only concern. But we could still pull together some dates and then provide him opportunities

1 to get his input as well. CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Why don't we just if you have 2 3 your calendars ahead of you. Is everybody free the 20th, 21st, and 22nd? I know 4 5 that's three consecutive days, but hopefully the 22nd will be celebration. 6 7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm available those days. 8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm available all those days. 9 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I as well; I'm open. 10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. And I believe actually that York may be as well, I don't have his calendar. 11 12 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: I do have it and he is available 1.3 those days. 14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. So that's three. 15 The previous week. 16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: My only issue is on the 17th, I 17 would need to leave about 3 o'clock; it's a Friday. 18 Otherwise, I'm available the whole week. VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I think -- I'm not available 19 20 on the 13th and 14th and maybe half -- on the morning on the 15th. 21 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: And Commissioner York is not 22 23 available on the 15th. 24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Okay. 25 Okay. So it sounds like that CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:

1 week the 13th, 14th, 15th is out. So we have the 16th and the 17th up until 3:00 p.m.? 2 3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That would -- that would be 4 good. 5 The previous week? 6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So the only thing on the 17th 7 is if we could start -- I know it would make a shorter day, 8 but I have a board meeting in the morning at 7:30. So if I 9 could at least attend half of that, if we could just start 10 at 8:30 that day just instead of 8:00; I can leave the 11 meeting early. 12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I can already tell working 1.3 backwards we're not going to have enough days and we may 14 need to look at weekends. 15 So let's look at the week of -- of the 6th. COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm available the whole day 16 17 the 17th, just starting -- if we can just start a half hour 18 later on that day that's all. 19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. 20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 8:30 to 3:00. That day is 21 still a pretty full day. 22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. 23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah. 24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. So we have five days 25 so far.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm available --VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I'm open the whole entire 2 3 week of December 6th. 4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: The 10th is the only day I have 5 a major conflict. DIRECTOR SCHMITT: And Commissioner York isn't 6 7 available the 7th or 8th. 8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm -- all week. CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Either the 6th -- so it looks 9 10 like the 6th or 7th and the 9th. 11 DIRECTOR SCHMITT: Not the 7th; York isn't 12 available that day. 1.3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Well I think we found 14 dates: 6, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22. 15 And -- and -- and we can talk with Mapping about 16 efficiency. You know, we start on the 6th, we may not leave until the 9th, maybe the 6th is virtual, it's just going to 17 18 be maybe like today, sharing the initial, you know, visions, 19 which will subsequently lead to major shakeup in the maps 20 we're presuming; so then it would lead to few solid days of 21 map drawing followed then by the 9th where we can come in 22 and physically deliberate. 23 We don't have to talk the details, but I think this 24 is at least a helpful start and we can continue to make sure

that this stays on the agenda so that we can further, you

know, discuss what works for us.

Okay.

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Okay. No other agenda item requests it sounds like.

Agenda Item IX, announcements. We have our deliberation day on Thursday, we will be starting at 9:30, and we will be going until we have a draft map.

Oh. And then the other announcement is there is no plan at this point to have a business meeting next Tuesday. There's -- we don't anticipate additional business that we won't be able to address this Thursday, so your next Tuesday should be free.

Agenda Item No. X, next meeting date. Thursday deliberation, 9:30.

Which moves us to Agenda Item No. XI, closing of public comments.

Please note members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration or decision at a later date.

And with that, we move to Item No. XII, adjournment.

1	I will open up a motion to adjourn.
2	COMMISSIONER LERNER: This is Commissioner Lerner.
3	I would move to adjourn.
4	COMMISSIONER MEHL: Commissioner Mehl seconds.
5	VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Vice Chair Watchman seconds.
6	COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay. Anybody.
7	CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Vice Chair Watchman
8	seconds.
9	We'll take a vote.
10	Vice Chair Watchman.
11	VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.
12	CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.
13	COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.
14	CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.
15	COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.
16	CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an
17	aye.
18	And with that, we will adjourn, and I look forward
19	to seeing you all on Thursday.
20	COMMISSIONER MEHL: Thank you.
21	CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Have a great couple days.
22	Thanks for your hard work, everybody.
23	(Whereupon the meeting concludes at 9:26 a.m.).
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